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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) California – Man Gets 12 Years for Drug-Smuggling Via Unmanned Aerial System

(U) San Diego – A man who used a drone to smuggle 13 pounds of methamphetamine across the border fence was sentenced last week to 12½ years in prison. Jorge Edwin Rivera, 25, pled guilty in September to conspiracy to import meth. A US Border Patrol agent heard the buzz of the drone's motors overhead the night of 8 August, leading to the seizure of the remote-controlled flyer stashed under a bush and \$46,000 worth of drugs that Rivera was carrying. The incident occurred about two miles west of the San Ysidro Port of Entry.

SOURCE: 31 January 2018, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nevada – Man Charged with Making Armor-Piercing Bullets Found in Las Vegas Gunman's Room

(U) Las Vegas – An ammunition dealer who had been named a person of interest in connection with the Las Vegas mass shooting was charged in a Nevada federal court Friday with manufacturing armor-piercing bullets. The charges came on the same day that the dealer, Douglas Haig, held a news conference to say he was innocent and had only briefly met the gunman, Stephen Paddock, when Mr. Paddock bought 720 rounds of ammunition from him in September. Investigators said they had found Mr. Haig's fingerprints on unfired armor-piercing ammunition inside the hotel room Mr. Paddock used as his shooting perch. Mr. Haig, 55, did not have the license needed to manufacture such ammunition, according to the charges filed by federal authorities.

SOURCE: 2 February 2018, [The New York Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Italy – Italian Gunman Targets Foreign Nationals in Drive-By Shooting

(U) Macerata – A lone Italian gunman wounded six African immigrants in a two-hour drive-by shooting spree Saturday in a small Italian city where a Nigerian man was recently arrested in the gruesome killing of a teenager, officials said. Police identified the suspect as Luca Traini, a 28-year-old Italian with no previous record. Traini remained jailed as police investigated him on multiple counts of attempted murder with the aggravating circumstance of "racial hatred" for the attacks in the Italian city of Macerata.

SOURCE: 3 February 2018, [CBS News](#)

(U) Iraq – ISIS Oil Chief Arrested Near Syrian Border

(U) Baghdad – Iraqi security forces arrested Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham's (ISIS) top oil chief while he was attempting to flee Iraq for Syria. Iraqi forces ambushed the convoy and captured the ISIS terrorist—identified as Abdel-Ghani Zargham 'Abdel-Sama—when it was traveling through the town of Masada in Iraq's northern province of Nineveh. The oil chief of ISIS surrendered after Iraqi security forces surrounded him, according to the military sources.

SOURCE: 2 February 2018, [OilPrice.com](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) South Korea – South Korea Says North Stole Cryptocurrency Worth Billions of Won Last Year**

(U) Seoul – South Korea said today that North Korea last year stole cryptocurrency from the South worth billions of won and that it was still trying to hack into its exchanges. “North Korea sent emails that could hack into cryptocurrency exchanges and their customers’ private information and stole (cryptocurrency) worth billions of won,” said Kim Byung-kee, a member of South Korea’s parliamentary intelligence committee. He added that the country’s spy agency assumed that North Korea was continuously trying to hack into exchanges to steal cryptocurrency and that it was trying its best to prevent further hacking. SOURCE: 4 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – Syrian Rebels down Russian Plane, Kill Pilot

(U) Idlib – Syrian rebels shot down a Russian warplane on 3 February and killed its pilot on the ground after he ejected from the plane, Russia’s defense ministry and Syrian rebels said. The SU-25 came down in an area of northern Idlib province that has seen heavy air strikes and fighting on the ground between Syria’s government forces backed by Russia and Iran, and rebel groups opposed to President Bashar al-Assad.

SOURCE: 3 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

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